

**SGP** The GEF  
Small Grants  
Programme

**25**  
YEARS



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Resilient nations.*

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Since 1992, the Global Environment Facility's (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has been supporting civil society organizations (CSOs) around the world to take action to address global environment and sustainable development challenges.

## ABOUT SGP

- **Strategic partnership for community-based actions**, synergy, scaling up, and sustainability.
- **Incubator of Innovative solutions** and risk taker to safeguard the global environment.
- **Platform for community-based actions in priority landscapes and seascapes**, promoting, knowledge sharing and upscaling for larger impact.
- **Accelerator of social inclusion to address global environment issues**, working with women, indigenous people, youth and people with disabilities.



## KEY FACTS



**21,600**  
**PROJECTS**  
on global environmental issues.



**UP TO**  
**\$50,000**  
**PER GRANT**  
directly to CSOs and local communities for innovative and community-driven ideas that can then be replicated and scaled up.



**US\$582**  
**MILLION**  
in total Grants and equal amount of cofinance.

# OUR APPROACH



## SOCIAL INCLUSION

SGP works directly with vulnerable communities, including indigenous peoples, women, youth, and persons with disabilities.



## POLICY IMPACT

SGP engages CSOs in decision-making processes.



## COMMUNITY-DRIVEN

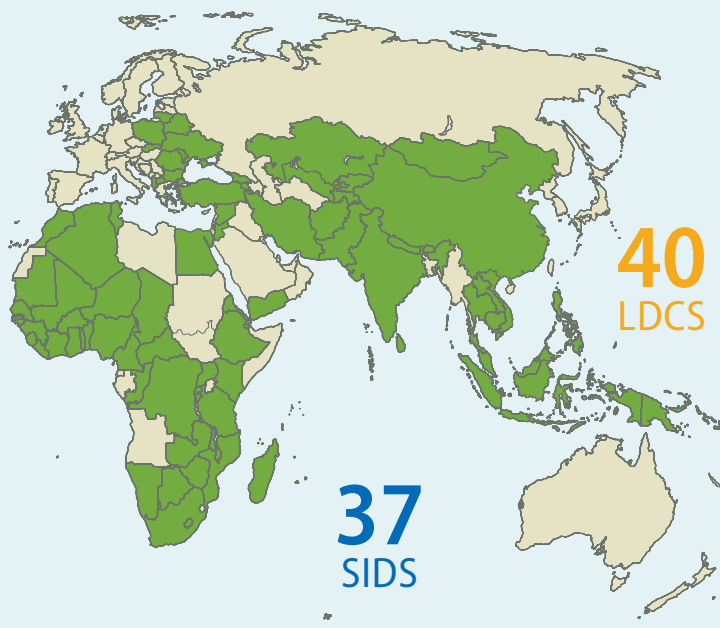
SGP encourages maximum country and community-level ownership and initiative.



## KNOWLEDGE SHARING

SGP promotes peer to peer learning and mentoring among CSOs and local communities.

# GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

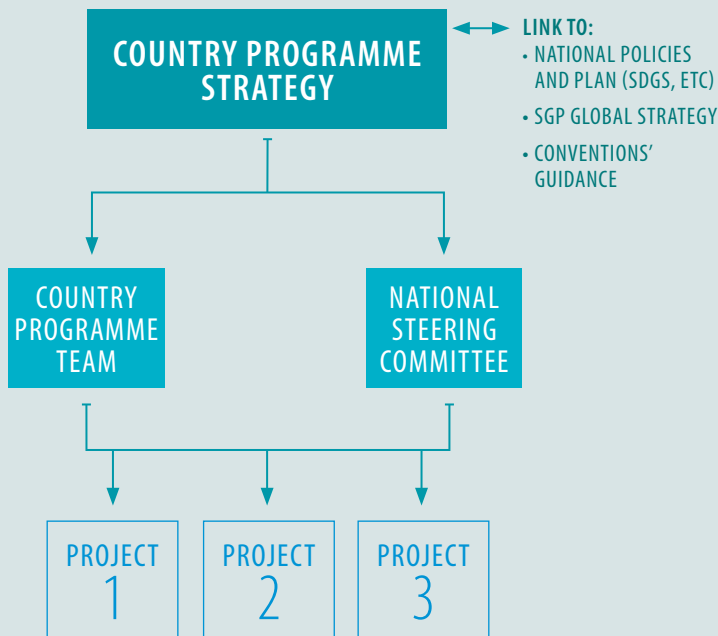


# HOW TO APPLY

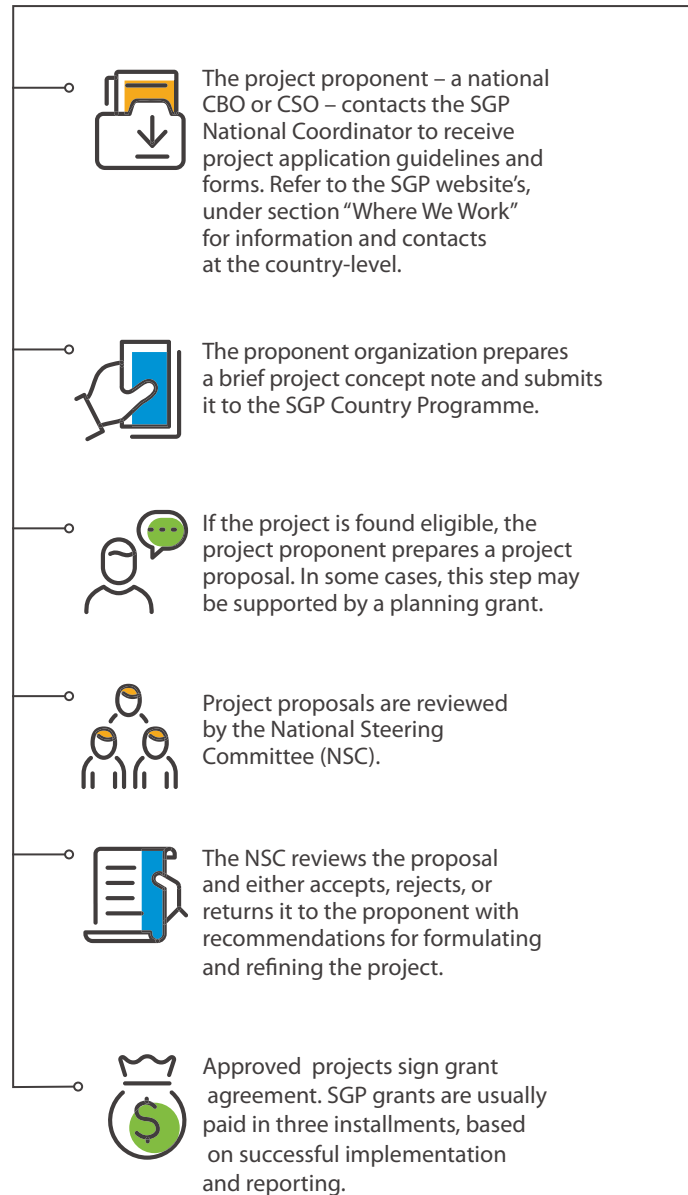
SGP grants are made directly to community-based organizations (CBOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) in recognition of the key role they play in conserving the global environment and achieving sustainable development.

The maximum grant amount per project is US\$50,000, but averages around US\$25,000.

## HOW WE WORK?



## KEY STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS



**NOTE:** SGP allows flexibility and customization at the country level to allow the programme to respond to the local context. Please contact the National Coordinator in your country to find out how to apply. SGP does not charge a fee at any stage of the selection process.

# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (2015-2018)

- Community Landscape and Seascape Conservation
- Climate Smart Innovative Agro-ecology
- Low-Carbon Energy Access Co-benefits
- Local to global chemicals coalitions
- CSO-Government Policy and Planning Dialogue Platforms
- Social inclusion
- Global Reach for Citizen Practice-Based Knowledge

## THEMATIC COVERAGE



46%  
BIODIVERSITY



21%  
CLIMATE CHANGE



15%  
LAND  
DEGRADATION



4%  
INTERNATIONAL  
WATERS



3%  
CHEMICALS



7%  
MULTIFOCAL

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

### BIODIVERSITY

- 8.41m HECTARES OF PAs SUPPORTED
- 1,803 SIGNIFICANT SPECIES CONSERVED
- 653 BIODIVERSITY-BASED PRODUCTS SUSTAINABLY PRODUCED
- 645 PROTECTED AREAS AND INDIGENOUS AND COMMUNITY CONSERVED AREAS POSITIVELY INFLUENCED

### CLIMATE CHANGE

- 323 PROJECTS
- 46% OF PROJECTS FOCUS ON LOW CARBON TECHNOLOGY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
- 26% OF PROJECTS FOCUS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS
- 25% OF PROJECTS FOCUS ON CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF CARBON STOCKS

### LAND DEGRADATION

- 900k HECTARES OF LAND BROUGHT UNDER IMPROVED LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
- 500k COMMUNITY MEMBERS DEMONSTRATING SUSTAINABLE LAND AND FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

### INTERNATIONAL WATERS

- 15 INTERNATIONAL WATER BODIES WHERE LOCAL EFFORTS ARE SUPPORTED
- 40 TONS OF LAND-BASED POLLUTION REDUCED
- 32k HECTARES OF MARINE AND COASTAL AREAS WERE BROUGHT UNDER SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

### CHEMICALS

- 3,458 TONS OF SOLID WASTE AVOIDED FROM OPEN BURNING WASTE
- 37 TONS OF PESTICIDES PROPERLY DISPOSED

# PARTNERSHIPS

## SGP relies on multi-stakeholder cooperation and partnerships at every level.

From setting up management structures and providing funding mechanisms to taking action at the grassroots level, partnerships help extend the reach of SGP's work. **SGP has collaborated with over 250 partner organizations** worldwide, and thousands of partner organizations at the country level that have provided co-funding and other forms of cooperation. The synergies created by these multi-faceted collaborations directly contribute to the wide impact of grant activities. Below are a few examples of the current global partnerships:



**COMMUNITY BASED ADAPTATION (CBA)** – Funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia (DFAT), this programme supports efforts by communities to mainstream climate change adaptation, uptake of CBA lessons into relevant national and sub-national policies and development programmes in Small Island Development States as well as in other countries in the Mekong and Asia/Pacific region.



**COMMUNITY BASED REDD+ (CBR+)** – A partnership established between SGP and UN-REDD in early 2014, provides approaches and methodologies for the sustainable management of forests that assures full involvement of indigenous and local communities in REDD+ implementation. The project is being piloted in six countries.



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT FOR THE SATOYAMA INITIATIVE (COMDEKS)** – In partnership with the Satoyama Initiative, funded by the Japan Biodiversity Fund, this project is designed to support innovations and knowledge sharing of community-based solutions in biodiversity conservation, promotion of ecosystem services, agro-ecosystem management, development of alternative livelihoods, and strengthening of governance systems at the landscape level in 20 countries.

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**INDIGENOUS AND COMMUNITY CONSERVED TERRITORIES AND AREAS: GLOBAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE (ICCA GSI)** – Under the partnership with the German Federal Ministry of Environment (BMUB), SGP will provide support to communities to further scale up their efforts in several Indigenous and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCAs) to promote increased advocacy, legal and policy reforms and exchange of knowledge in 26 countries.



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